

In the abstract:

Please amend the abstract as follows:

A system and method for providing secure E-mail message services. The system includes a forwarding service to receive an E-mail message for delivery to a recipient. The system checks for recipient preferences for delivery of the E-mail message content including encryption preferences and notifies the recipient or delivers the message according to the encryption preferences. The system also includes an interoperability engine to determine delivery preferences of the sender including security preferences, the security preferences indicating a security protocol by which the E-mail message can be securely delivered to the recipient.